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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a meeting of its Joint Council Committee on South Florida Management Issues and the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee in Key Largo, FL.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014 until 12 noon on Thursday, July 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Key Largo Hotel, 97000 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL, 33607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

Joint Council Committee on South Florida Management Issues Agenda, Tuesday, July 22, 2014, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 7-9, 2014 Jt. Council Committee on South Florida Management Issues and Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee Minutes
4. South Florida Management Issues
 - a. Status of South Atlantic Species Removal
 - b. Committee Recommendations
 - c. Review of Draft Joint Generic Amendment to the Gulf Reef Fish and South Atlantic Snapper Grouper FMPs
 - d. Committee Recommendations
5. Public Comment
6. Recess

Joint Council Committee on South Florida Management Issues, Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

7. South Florida Management Issues-continued
 - a. Continue Reviewing a of Draft Joint Generic Amendment to the Gulf Reef Fish and South Atlantic Snapper Grouper FMPs
 - b. Committee Recommendations
8. Progress Report on Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper Working Group

- a. Life history information
 - b. Stock structure and status
 - c. Regulations
 - d. Committee Recommendations
9. Public Comment
10. Summary of motions and committee actions/wrap-up
11. Other Business
12. Adjourn

Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Steering Committee Agenda, Thursday, July 24, 2014, 9 a.m.
until 12 noon

Goliath Grouper

- a. Review of ongoing goliath grouper research obtained
- b. Report on SSC/stock assessment analyst recommendations
- c. Next steps for assessment/additional data collection
- d. Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Steering Committee Recommendations
- e. Other business
- f. Adjourn

Joint Council Committee on South Florida Management Issues will be convened to provide Discussion and Feedback on the Recommendations from Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Committee

- a. Public Comment
- b. Joint Council Committee Recommendations and Next Steps

-Adjourn-

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